



Department of Defense Combat Feeding Program (CFP)

What It Is:

Technologies are focused on meeting the unique combat feeding requirements of each military service. This joint-service program is responsible for all efforts — including research, development, integration, testing and engineering — that support combat rations, field food-service equipment technology and combat feeding systems. Formed in 1970, the CFP is located in Natick, Massachusetts, at the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Natick Soldier Center.

Why It's Needed:

The food industry has little profit incentive to conduct R&D aimed at meeting the specific requirements of military operations. To create and enhance new capabilities for the warfighter, there needs to be continual technological breakthroughs in food, food packaging and food service equipment — and this will not occur without the research and focused leveraging of the CFP.

How It Works:

How do we ensure that the CFP continually develops revolutionary technologies for the warrior? Through our seven multidisciplinary, highly integrated teams:

- Individual Combat Rations
- Energy and Equipment Technologies
- Group Rations
- Systems Equipment and Engineering
- Advanced Processes/Packaging
- Food Engineering Services
- Performance Enhancement/Food Safety

Further support is provided by a Senior Scientist who conducts basic research and a Senior Advisor who specializes in both nutritional biochemistry and advanced processing. The Food and Nutrition Research and Engineering Board (chaired by the Office of the Defense Director for Research and Engineering) oversees CFP activities.

Benefits:

Customer Focus...We're a highly customer-driven organization, tailored to meet the needs of the 21st-century warrior.

Leading-Edge Technologies...By actively leveraging industry, academia and other government agencies, the CFP provides the science and technology base and the engineering support to give the warfighter a decisive edge in all aspects of combat feeding. Our versatile capabilities have produced successful, innovative products now in use around the world.

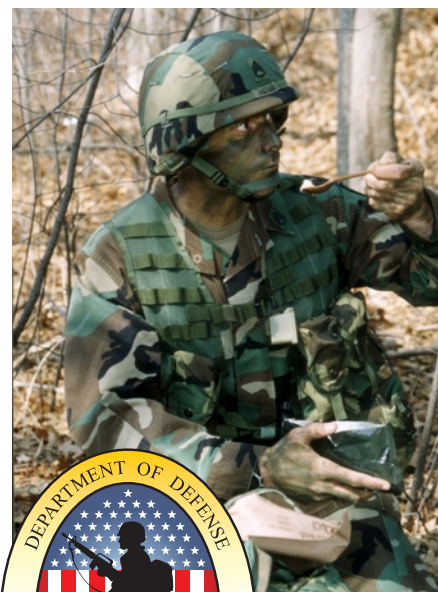
Affordable Solutions...Our Integrated Products Teams consistently optimize cost, schedule and performance.

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